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Mr. Joe Mollusky
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**Re: Decision Document Status
Terminal 1 South
Portland, Oregon
ESCI No. 2642**

Dear Mr. Mollusky:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is finalizing our review of the following documents, prepared by Hart Crowser, Inc., for the Port of Portland Terminal 1 South site:

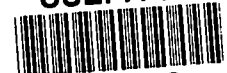
- Human Health and Ecological Baseline Risk Assessment Addendum (dated June 12, 2002);
- Feasibility Study Report (dated June 13, 2002); and
- Removal Action Work Plan (dated June 13, 2002).

Based on our preliminary review, it appears that these documents are complete, pending inclusion of DEQ comments and provide appropriate documentation of site conditions. In general, DEQ is satisfied with the Port's findings and conclusions and DEQ will select a clean-up remedy for the site. DEQ's process for selecting a remedy and anticipated schedule are described below.

Parcels A and B

DEQ staff is currently preparing a "Staff Report" describing the recommended remedy for DEQ management and public review. The recommended remedy includes excavation of soil above selected cleanup levels and off-site disposal or on-site or off-site treatment. Contaminated soil from 0 to 3 feet below ground surface (bgs) will be removed to meet residential standards and soils from 3 to 15 feet will be removed to be protective of future trench workers or construction workers. Clean soil or treated soil will be used to backfill the excavations and to restore the ground surface to previously existing grade, where future development will not occur. Institutional controls will be required and will include at a minimum, a prohibition of future use of on-site groundwater and the development of a soil management plan.

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Prior to selecting the final remedy, DEQ is required to solicit public comment. Subject to DEQ management review, the public notice will be published in the Oregonian and the Oregon Secretary of State's Bulletin on July 1, 2002 and the notice will be placed on DEQ's web page. DEQ anticipates that the public comment period will run from July 15, 2002 through August 15, 2002. Pending no substantive public comments or objections, DEQ anticipates issuing the "Record of Decision" documenting selection of the final remedy in late August/early September 2002.

Parcel C

DEQ staff is preparing a no further action finding (NFA) letter for Parcel C of the subject site. I anticipate this letter will be issued no later than mid-July 2002. The proposed NFA finding is based on analytical data currently available which indicates soil concentrations are below DEQ cleanup standards, with the exception of arsenic which is generally believed to be present at background concentrations.

If you have any questions regarding the site or the public comment period, please do not hesitate to contact me at (503) 229-5562.

Sincerely,



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